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FOR EACH

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SUITABLE TO EVERY

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IT is presumed, this little manual of devotion, taken from the manuscript papers of Mr. Toplady, will not be unacceptable to the public, because it is set forth as a form of prayer. Amongst the many unnecessary disputes in the Christian department, a question has been often propounded, Whether a person can present himself at the footstool of the divine Majesty, using the words of another, and be a sincere worshipper; certainly, in our private or recluse devotions, it is proper to come before God, and pour out in simplicity and sincerity, the immediate mental solicitations, that we are in need of, expecting our imperfect aspirations to be accepted only through the mediation of the Lord Jesus. But some indiscreet captious individuals, have prematurely censured those, who have adopted a premeditated course of prayer in their families, or in public assemblies, as the quintessence of hypocrisy and the apathy of formality. By this criterion, may not the same suggestions be urged against the universality of singing psalms or hymns? If such poetic compositions, which consist of prayer and thanksgiving, are used as a form, wherein can be the impropriety or inconsistency of a devout supplicant offering the same in prose? How assuming must it be in any person to take upon himself the inquisitorial part of prejudging the uprightness of another, and bearing down the honest efforts of a humble mind, before that period arrives, when the secrets of all hearts will be made known. Let us in the interval anticipate that eventful crisis, when we shall enter upon that state, where there will be nothing to pray for, but every thing to be thankful for, where mental imperfections will be absorbed in the lustre of uncreated perfection, and every thing give place to unmingled and unalloyed adorations to God and the Lamb forever.

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SUNDAY MORNING.

(The Collect, before reading the appointed portion of Scripture.)

THROUGH the riches of thy mercy, and by the power of thy ſuſtaining goodneſs, we are brought in ſafety, to ſee the light of another day, even the light of a new Lord's day, the beſt of days, the type of that glorious reſt, which remaineth for the people of God. Lord, ſend forth, and ſend down thy Holy Spirit into our hearts; and make thy ſabbath, a ſabbath-day, indeed, to each of our ſouls; a day of ſpiritual improvement, heavenly conſolation, and near communion with thee: O ſatisfy us with thy mercy, and that right ſoon; ſo ſhall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our lives. Lift up the light of thy countenance upon us at this time; bleſs us to all the means of grace, whether public or private, in the uſe of which we wait for

thy salvation: O let them not be as wells without water; but make them channels of divine influence and effectual to the end for which thou hast appointed them. We desire to begin the Lord's day with the Lord, and to hallow it by the word of God and by prayer. Enable us, O thou Father of mercies, to keep it holy unto thee, and to enjoy saving communion with thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

(Here let the family rise from their supplicating posture, and all being seated, let a select portion of Holy Scripture be read; which ended, an hymn or psalm may be sung: after which, the master of the family may conclude as follows, either standing or kneeling.) Let us pray.

OUR Father, which art in heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

We thank thee, gracious God, for the return of the morning light, and for causing the day-spring to know its time and place. O may the day-star from on high, visit our benighted souls; and may that Saviour, who is the bright and morning star, arise and shine within us with healing in his wings: glory be to thy goodness, that the light we see is the Lord's; that this is the day which thou hast made for thyself, and set apart for thy name. May this sabbath-day be an high day to our souls, a day of spiritual feasting and heavenly joy; bring us, O blessed Spirit, into thy banqueting house, and let thy banner over us be love. Blessed be thy name, that we see so many of the days of the Son of man; that we enjoy so many precious opportuni-

tunities of worshipping thee in the beauty of holiness, and of paying our vows unto thee publicly, in the presence of thy people. May we be in the Spirit on the Lord's day; and call the sabbath a delight, holy of the Lord and honourable. May we cease from our own works, as God on the seventh day ceased from his; and abound only in the work of the Lord. Especially make it to us a sabbath of rest from sin, and a sabbath of rest in God. We are, indeed, utterly unworthy of the honour, and unable for the work of a fellowship, with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ; but we come unto thee, O blessed Lamb of God, in thy own adorable name, who alone art worthy; and depend on the strength and supply of thy good Spirit, to work all our works in us, and to ordain peace for us. Bless all thy ministring servants throughout the whole world, may they obtain mercy of the Lord to be faithful; faithful to thee, faithful to truth, and faithful to the souls entrusted to their care. Particularly, vouchsafe to be with all those who are this day to stand up in thy name, and preach the gospel of thy grace. May they be mighty through thee, to convince the unconvinced, to convert the unconverted, to heal them that are of a contrite heart, and to build up believers on their most holy faith. Enable them to preach thy truths with power, and with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; thou thyself graciously working with them, and confirming the work with signs following: Be in the midst of all thy worshipping people, who shall assemble in thy name to-day. Have mercy on those who shall be unwillingly detained from thy house, by sickness, or any other providential impediment; comfort them in secret, sanctify their absence by granting them much of thy inward presence. Let them that tarry at home, divide the spoil; and, as they are excluded from the stream, give them to drink the deeper at the fountain head. Lord, assist us, thy unworthy servants, in the religious services of

this day. Make us joyful in the houſe of prayer; when we wait upon thee for a renewal of our ſtrength, may we find our ſtrength indeed renewed; may we inwardly experience the grace of the means, while we attend on the means of grace; and enjoy a ſaving intercourſe with the God of ordinance, in frequenting the ordinances of God. Vouchſafe to take us and ours into thy gracious protection. Bleſs and preſerve us in our going out and coming in. Support and ſtrengthen, direct and guard us; pardon our innumerable ſins, the depravity of our nature, and the offences of our lives; and ſanctify us to thyſelf a peculiar people, zealous of good works, and ſeal us thine in body, ſoul and ſpirit, to the day of the Lord Jeſus. This day, gracious Lord, keep us in thy fear: let us not find our own pleaſure, nor do our own ways, nor ſpeak our own words; but live entirely to thee, converſe with thee, know more of thee, and grow up into a greater fitneſs for thy kingdom and glory. All we beg, O gracious Father, is, for thy mercy's ſake, in Jeſus Chriſt, our Saviour: for whom we bleſs thee, and to whom, with thyſelf and the Holy Ghoſt, we deſire to aſcribe, all might, majeſty, and praiſe, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord bleſs us and keep us; the Lord make his face to ſhine upon us, and be gracious to us, and give us peace, this day and ever more. *Amen.*

SUNDAY EVENING.

(Collect before reading the Scripture.)

RECEIVE us graciouſly, O thou God of all mercy, though we be not cleanſed according to the purification of the ſanctuary: we truſt we can ſay, that our whole dependence is fixed on him, on

that ever bleſſed Mediator, between God and men, in whom thou haſt declared thyſelf well pleaſed. Vouchſafe to cloath us with his righteouſneſs, and to ſprinkle both our hearts and our performances with his precious blood, which ſpeaketh better things, than that of Abel. Smile upon us, and be gracious to us, in this our private audience; may our petitions be received with favour at the throne of grace, and may an anſwer of peace be ſealed in our hearts. In this, and all other our doings, may we be enabled to look unto thee for a bleſſing, and to receive the bleſſing at thy hand, through Jeſus Chriſt, our Saviour.

[After reading and ſinging, add]

Our Father, &c.

O thou that heareſt prayer, unto thee ſhall all fleſh come. Thou art the Lord, by whom we eſcape death, and enjoy all things pertaining to life and godlineſs. Thine we are, and thee we ought to ſerve. Thou haſt holden us up, ever ſince we were born: may our praiſe be always of thee. We thank thee for thy care over us, and thy favour toward us, this day, both in a way of providence, and in a way of grace. Leſs than the leaſt of all thy mercies, we are continually favoured with the greateſt: we, who deſerve juſtly to be forſaken of thee, and to be caſt out of the ſight of thine eyes, are yet ſpared hitherto, to be monuments of thy goodneſs, and of the love that paſſeth knowledge. Deareſt Father, impreſs our hearts with a lively and laſting ſenſe of what thou haſt done for us; and do thou crown all, by working in us that which is well-pleaſing in thy ſight. Give us unfeignedly repentance toward God, and ſaving faith in the Lord Jeſus Chriſt. Sprinkle us with his precious blood, from all the guilt of our ſins, both original and actual; cloath us with his righteouſneſs, unto juſtification; and grant us that ſanctification of thy ſpirit, without which, no man

can ſee the Lord.——We deſire to be humbled in thy glorious preſence, for the ſins of this day; for the iniquity of our holy things; for our ſhort-comings, and our miſ-doings. Surely, all our perſonal righteouſneſſes are as filthy rags, in the eyes of thine infinite holineſs; and our beſt performances, if brought to the teſt of thy perfect law, would but add to our condemnation, and enhance our puniſhment. But thou art a God gracious and merciful, keeping mercy for thouſands, forgiving iniquity, tranſgreſſion, and ſin, through the ranſom thou haſt found, and the Lamb which thou haſt provided for a burnt-offering. Give us to ſee, that our guilt was transferred to him; that his obedience is imputed to us; and that we are, through grace, intereſted in all the bleſſings of the everlaſting covenant. To the care and protection of thy almighty providence would we humbly commend ourſelves this night. Take charge of us and our's, O thou Keeper of Iſrael, who never ſlumbereſt nor ſleepeſt, watch over us for good. When we ſleep, let our hearts wake, and our ſouls lie open to the influence of thy bleſſed Spirit: keep us without ſin, by the power of thy grace. If we have received any ſpiritual improvement to-day, Lord grant that it may abide with us, and increaſe with us ever more and more. Let it not be as the morning-dew, that quickly paſſes away; but faſten thy word upon our hearts, as a nail in a ſure place. Cheriſh every motion of thy good ſpirit; begin the work of grace, where it is not yet begun; and carry it on with power, where it is. May our penitence be deep and laſting; may our faith be ſtrong, lively and fervent; and build us up into living habitations of thee the living God. Sanctify and ſeal us thine, in body, ſoul, and ſpirit. Sprinkle, according to thy own moſt gracious promiſe, clean water upon us, that we may be clean; from all our filthineſs, and from all our idols do thou cleanſe us: a new heart alſo do thou give unto us,

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and a new ſpirit do thou put within us: take, O take away the ſtony heart out of our fleſh, and give us hearts of fleſh: put thy ſpirit within us, and cauſe us to walk in thy ſtatutes, and to keep thy judgments and do them. May we, from principles of faith in thee, and love to thee, be careful to maintain good works; and go on from ſtrength to ſtrength, until we are called to appear before the God of gods in Sion: there to celebrate that never-ending Sabbath, which angels and archangels, with the ſpirits of juſt men made perfect, are now enjoying before the throne. With them, may we ſee thee as thou art; with them, may we caſt our crowns before thee; and ſing the praiſes of the great Three-one, of the Father who loved us, of the Son who waſhed us from our ſins in his own blood, and of the eternal Spirit who ſanctified us by his grace, and preſerved us to the day of Chriſt. Whatever we aſk, we aſk it at thy hand, for the merit's ſake of thy dear Son, our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

The Lord bleſs us, and keep us, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

[*The Collect, before reading the Scripture.*]

OPEN our eyes, O Lord, that we may diſcern the wonders of thy law; and rejoice our hearts with the knowledge of thy love. Take away our iniquities, and receive us graciouſly. Be light to our darkneſs, wiſdom to our folly, and manifeſt thy ſtrength in our weakneſs. Remember us according to the favour which thou beareſt to thy own people; ſtir us up to ſeek thy face, and to lay hold on thy covenant; and make us find that it is indeed good for us to draw nigh unto thee, and to wait upon thee,

thee, in and through the name and merits of Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate.

[The Scripture being read, and a Psalm sung, add as follows,]

Our Father, &c.

Gracious and glorious Lord, the eyes of all wait upon thee; thou art the hope of all the ends of the earth. In thee we live and move and have our being: thou givest us life, and breath, and all things. Still thou takest care of us, and watchest over us; even in the hours of sleep, when we are unable to care for ourselves. And thy mercies are daily renewed; thy goodness is repeated every morning: yea, every moment, dost thou give us fresh occasion of praise and thanksgiving. Blessed be thy name, for the peace, rest, and safety of the night past. Enable us, in the strength of thy grace and of thy gifts, to love thee truly, to serve thee faithfully, and to depend on thee without wavering. In all our ways, may we acknowledge thee; and be thou graciously pleased to establish our goings, and to direct our path. We desire to put ourselves under thy gracious conduct and thy fatherly protection. We beg the heavenly guidance, blessing, and assistance of thy good spirit, to chuse our inheritance for us, and to dispose of us, and all that concerns us, to the glory of thy great name. O Lord, withdraw not thy tender mercies from us, neither shut up thy loving kindness in displeasure. Though we deserve to lose thy favour and thy presence, yet grant us the comfort of thy help, and the joy of thy salvation, and uphold us with thy free spirit. Punish not our past offences, by leaving us to ourselves, and giving us up to the dominion of our sins; but give us penitent hearts for all the evil committed by us, and thy merciful discharge from all the guilt that lies upon us. And grant us, O good Lord, the comfortable sense and apprehension of thy free acceptance of us,

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and of thy gracious intentions toward us, in the Son of thy love, the lover of our ſouls; that our hearts may bleſs thee, and all that is within us may praiſe thy holy name.—Lord, keep us from ſin this day. Subdue, as well as pardon, our iniquities: and herein may we exerciſe ourſelves, to have always a conſcience void of offence, both towards God and towards man.—Whilſt upon earth, grant us a due ſupply of all things needful for us in the houſe of our pilgrimage. Sanctify to us our enjoyments and our employments, our comforts and our croſſes, every condition we are to be in, and every event that ſhall befall us. Enable us to live to thy honour and glory: and make us to paſs through things temporal, as neither to loſe nor forget the things eternal. If thou enlighten us not, we ſhall run into error; if thou prevent not, we ſhall relapſe into ſin; if thou preſerve us not, we ſhall fall into dangers. O let thy good providence be our defence and ſecurity; and thy Holy Spirit be our comforter, guide, and counſellor, in all our ways: until, through the merits of thy Son, and the multitude of thy mercies, we are called away, to be forever with the Lord. *Amen.*

MONDAY EVENING.

[*Collect, before reading the Scripture.*]

TEACH us, O Lord, the way of thy ſtatutes, and make us keep it unto the end. Incline our hearts to thy teſtimonies, and cauſe us to go in the path of thy commandments, for therein is our deſire. May the law of thy mouth be dearer unto us, than thouſands of gold and ſilver; and let thy Holy Spirit accompany thy word with ſaving power to our ſouls, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

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Our Father, &c.

Infinitely great, and infinitely gracious God, thy glory exceeds our utmoſt thoughts, and thy mercies are over all thy works. We, thy ſinful creatures, have particular reaſon to admire and adore, not only thy patience, which bears with us, notwithſtanding all that we have done againſt thee; but likewiſe thy never ceaſing bounty, by which our comforts are continued, and our wants ſupplied. We deſire to approach thee, as our kind and merciful Father in Jeſus Chriſt: humbly beſeeching thee, to waſh away our ſins in his moſt precious blood; and to give us a ſufficient meaſure of thy grace and Holy Spirit, to enable us againſt them. Thou didſt create man, O Lord, after thy own bleſſed image; but we have deſtroyed ourſelves, and come ſhort of thy glory: the crown is fallen from our heads, and woe unto us, for we are ſinners both by nature and by practice: juſtly mighteſt thou ſwear in thy wrath, that we ſhall not enter into thy reſt. Yet ſuffer us, and enable us, to plead, in faith, thy gracious promiſe, that whoſoever truſteth in the Saviour thou haſt provided, and come unto thee by him, ſhall never periſh, nor fall into condemnation, but have everlaſting life for his ſake. Lord, we would believe; O help our unbelief! and work in us that unfeigned repentance towards God, and that right faith in our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, that we may be of the number of them that do indeed repent and believe to the ſaving of the ſoul. Save us, O good Lord, from our ſinful ſelves; and from the love of the preſent evil world; and from every thing that oppoſes thy grace, and tends to hurt our ſouls. Stabliſh us in thy love; ſtrengthen us to perform thy will; and ſettle our faith on Chriſt, the rock of ages. —To thy mercy in him we would humbly commit ourſelves this night. Be our ſun, to enlighten us;

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be our ſhield, to defend us. Grant us, if it pleaſe thee, reſt of body, and peace of mind. Let the voice of joy, health, and ſafety, be heard in our dwelling: make our walls, ſalvation; and our gates, praiſe.—Comfort all, who want the comforts we enjoy: and grant ſuitable ſupplies of mercy, both ſpiritual and temporal, to all the afflicted, whereſoever they are, and howſoever tried.—Remember, with the favour that thou beareſt to thy people, all our abſent friends and relations: be thou a friend to them, and may they ſtand in a covenant relation to thee. Make them and us ſuch as thou wouldeſt have us, and as ſuch as thou wilt accept of in Chriſt Jeſus, here to thy gracious favour, and hereafter to thy glorious kingdom. Hear us, O God of the ſpirits of all fleſh! Hear us, in behalf of ourſelves and others; hear others, in behalf of themſelves and us: and convert thoſe, who pray neither for others nor themſelves. Above all, hear the Son of thy love, the lover of our ſouls, who intercedes, we truſt, for us, at thy right hand. For him, and to him, with thyſelf, and the bleſſed ſpirit, enable us to aſcribe everlaſting praiſe and glory. *Amen.*

TUESDAY MORNING.

[*Collect, before reading the Scripture.*]

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all deſires known, and from whom no ſecrets are hid; vouchſafe, at this time, to cleanſe the thoughts of our hearts by the inſpiration of thy Holy Spirit: that we may perfectly love thee, worthily magnify thy holy name, and offer thee a ſacrifice in righteouſneſs, acceptable to thy glorious Majeſty, in and through Jeſus Chriſt, our Lord. *Amen.*

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[After reading, and singing, add as follows.]

Our Father, &c.

Blessed Lord, thine we are, and thee we ought to serve. The obligations of thy law, and the endearments of thy love, render it our indispensable duty to be faithful in the covenant, and to abound in the work of the Lord. But, alas! we are unprofitable servants, and worse than unprofitable; for we have drank in iniquity like water, our provocations against thee are increased, and our trespasses are grown up unto the heavens. We have lived to ourselves, instead of living unto him who died for us and rose again; we have not, as we should, glorified thee in our bodies and in our spirits, which are thine.—And since it is not in man to recover and save himself, O enable us to look unto thee, in whom alone our help lies. We thank thee, for laying help upon one that is mighty; for committing thy people, and the work of their salvation, to the hands of him who hath finished transgression, made reconciliation for the iniquity of them that believe, and brought out and brought in an everlasting righteousness, for their justification. In his name, we come to thy throne of grace, hoping to obtain mercy, and find grace to help in every time of need: for his sake, we humbly intreat thy favour and the light of thy countenance; begging thee to be reconciled to us, and to be at peace with us, as a Father of mercies, and a God of consolation. And, Lord, enable us to walk as becomes those upon whom thy name is called. May we be followers of Christ, as dear children, and adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. O circumcise our hearts, to love the Lord our God: and may thy Almighty Spirit so write the law of holiness upon our minds, that it may be our meat and our drink to do thy will; that we may hate all iniquity, and every false way; and resemble the blessed Jesus, as our pattern, while we trust in his merits as our propitiation.

pitiation. Lord, make our ſervice acceptable to thee, while we live; and our ſouls ready for thee, when we die. As long as we are in the world, keep us from the evil of it, and from the ſnares and dangers, to which we are continually expoſed, in our paſſage through it. O make our pilgrimage ſafe and ſure through all the troubles, changes, and temptations of this mortal life, to the unchangeable glories and felicities of the life everlaſting. Be merciful to us this day. Keep us in all our ways, bleſs all our lawful undertakings, and grant that we may take nothing in hand, but what is warranted by thy word, and agreeable to thy will concerning us. Set thy fear before our eyes, all the day long; and put thy love into our hearts, that we may not depart from thee. Bleſs and preſerve us in our going out and coming in. May the angel of thy preſence, ſave us from all ſin and danger. Hear and anſwer us, O Lord, for the ſake of him who hath loved and redeemed us, even the Lord our righteouſneſs, to whom be aſcribed the kingdom and power and glory. *Amen.*

The bleſſing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with us, and all that belong to us, this day, and evermore. *Amen.*

TUESDAY EVENING.

[*The Collect, before reading the Scripture.*]

O LORD, thou art good unto them that wait for thee, and to the ſoul that ſeeketh thee. We deſire, at this time, to wait for thee, and to wait upon thee; and to ſeek thee in the way of thy appointment. Give us a token for good, and an anſwer of peace, while we draw near unto thee in the name

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of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

[After reading, and singing, add as follows.]

Our Father, &c.

How excellent is thy mercy, O God! and what encouragement dost thou give us to put our trust under the shadow of thy wings! thou art the bountiful giver of the good that our souls desire, and the merciful withholder of the evil that our sins deserve. From thee comes all our help; and in thee make us repose all our hope. We acknowledge thy great and daily goodness to us; and our own absolute unworthiness of the least of all thy mercies. We desire to take shame and confusion to ourselves, that we have so little improved, and so greatly abused, thy patience with us, and the various instances of thy bounty toward us. Thy very mercies help to aggravate the heavy reckoning of our offences; because we have done so much against thee, after all the great things thou hast done, and art continually doing, for us. We would, O Lord, be penitent and humbled for our sins; and intreat thy gracious favour in Jesus Christ for the pardon of them. Forgive us, we pray thee, for his blood and righteousness sake; absolve us from all the evil, of which we stand guilty before thee; and, being justified by faith, grant us peace with God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And as we pray, that thou wilt be to us a Father of mercies, and a God of consolation; so also that thou wouldst make us followers of thee, as dear children. Work in us, by thy Holy Spirit, that which is well pleasing in thy sight. Lord, thou knowest our weakness, and the temptations to which we are exposed: our danger from the enemy of souls; and from the present world, which is full of snares; and, above all, from the enemy within, our vile flesh and deceitful hearts, so apt to betray us into sin. We pray, therefore,

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that thou wilt arm us with the whole armour of God; and uphold us with thy free ſpirit; and watch over us for good evermore. O make us experience the ſtrongeſt aids of thy heavenly grace; that we may never fall a prey to the ſpiritual adverſary that ſeeks to devour us. And ſeeing thou art yet pleaſed to hold our ſouls in life, and to make us find and feel, by every day's experience, how gracious and merciful thou art; give us hearts more ſenſible of thy love to us, more enflamed with love to thee, and more thankful for the bleſſings which thou art pleaſed to multiply upon us. And cauſe us to ſhew forth thy praiſe, not only by ſpeaking good of thy name, but by ordering our converſations as becomes the goſpel of Chriſt. To thy mercy in him do we humbly commend ourſelves and ours this night: beſeeching thee to viſit us with thy ſalvation, and to preſerve us, in ſoul and body, from all evils and dangers to which the weakneſs of our frame, and the greatneſs of our ſins, expoſe us. May our repoſe be holy, ſafe, and refreſhing; that we may riſe again better fitted and enabled to ſerve thee according to thy will, in the duties of the following day, if it ſhould be thy pleaſure to make addition of another day to our lives. And as thou addeſt days and mercies, add repentance and amendment to our days; that, in proportion as we draw nearer to the grave, our ſouls may grow fitter for heaven. And for all the good things that we have had, and ſtill have, and yet hope for at thy hands, to thy adorable name be all the praiſe, O Father, Son, and Spirit, world without end. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

[*Collect before reading the Scripture.*]

UNTO thee do we lift up our eyes, O thou that dwelleſt in the heavens. Have reſpect, we humbly beſeech thee, both to us and to our offer-

ings, for the ſake of him who offered up himſelf for our offences, and roſe again for our juſtification. Meet us with a bleſſing, who deſire to meet thee in prayer; and make thy throne a throne of grace to us, through Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour. *Amen.*

[After reading, and ſinging, add]

Our Father, &c.

Lord God, bountiful and gracious, long-ſuffering, and abundant in goodneſs and truth; thou keepeſt mercy for thouſands, thou pardoneſt iniquity, tranſgreſſion and ſin; neither doſt thou retain thy anger forever, becauſe thou delighteſt in mercy. Look down, O Lord, upon us, who would now be looking up to thee; and be favourable to us, as thou uſeſt to be unto thoſe that fear thy name. Look not upon the ſin of our nature; nor the ſins of our hearts and lives; which are more than we can number, and greater than we can expreſs. O ſprinkle us from an evil conſcience, by the application of the bleſſed Redeemer's blood which cleanſeth from all ſin. And, ſeeing there is, in him, an infinite fulneſs of all that ever we can want, or wiſh, to render us holy, and to make us happy; grant us to receive, out of his fulneſs, grace ſufficient for us: grace to pardon our ſins, and ſubdue our iniquities; to juſtify our perſons, and to ſanctify our ſouls. Begin, or carry on, the new creation within; advance in us that ſaving change of heart, which may, by the power of thy ſpirit, more and more transform us into thy bleſſed image, and make us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the ſaints in light. And now, that we are entered upon another day, we beſeech thee to carry us through it in thy fear and favour. Order all our ſteps in thy word, and, let no wickedneſs have dominion over us. Teach us to uſe the world, without abuſing it; and may that portion of it which thou haſt and ſhall aſſign us, be ſanctified to us, by the word of God, and by prayer; and by the right employment

employment and improvement of it to thy glory. Whatever we are without, O leave us not destitute of the things that accompany salvation: but satisfy us with the sense of thy favour, and adorn us with the graces of thy Holy Spirit. Blessed be thy rich goodness, which has renewed our lives and thy mercies to us this morning. Lord, grant that all our comforts may flow to us in the channel of covenant love; and revert to the praise and glory of the gracious giver. Be with, protect, and bless us, in our going out and coming in. May the angel of thy presence save us, and the God of angels be our shield and exceeding great reward. Make us desire, resolve, and endeavour, to live in the obedience of thy holy will, and to the honour of thy blessed name. O restrain us from the evils and follies, into which we are prone to fall; and quicken us to the offices and duties we ought to perform. Grant that we may think and speak, will and do, the things that are well-pleasing in thy sight; and have the strong consolation of acceptance with thee. So visit us with thy salvation, sanctify us by thy grace, and so carry us through life, that thy name may have the praise, and our souls the comfort, in the hour of death, and in the great day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us and keep us, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

[*Collect, before reading the Scripture.*]

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that, in this, and all other our works begun, continued and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name; offer thee acceptable

ſervice; and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlaſting life; through Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour. *Amen.*

[After reading, and ſinging, add]

Our Father, &c.

Enable us, gracious God, to deſire thee, as our chiefeſt good; and to come to thee, as our merciful Father in the Son of thy love. In his great name, and prevailing mediation, alone, it is, that we, who have multiplied our offences againſt thee, are encouraged ſtill to preſent our perſons and our prayers before thee. We are utterly unworthy to approach thy foot-ſtool, and to enjoy the privilege of intercourſe with thee. We durſt not appear in the preſence of thy holy, glorious Majeſty, in our own names, or truſting in our own ſinful righteouſneſs; our guilt is ſo great, and our iniquities ſo grievous, that we might juſtly be aſhamed to come before thy face, and to tremble for fear of thy judgments. We would therefore fly for refuge to the merits of him, who we truſt, has fully ſatisfied thy juſtice for our ſins, and is now interceding at thy right hand for our ſouls: whom thou delighteſt to honour, in ſparing, accepting, and ſaving poor unworthy ſinners, upon his account. Deliver us, moſt gracious Lord, for his ſake, from all thoſe tranſgreſſions, for which our hearts condemn us; and from all, of which thou that art greater than our hearts, knoweſt us to be guilty: and ſeal to us a full pardon in his moſt precious blood, which ſpeaketh better things on our behalf, than we are able to do for ourſelves in all our prayers. And may the time paſt of our lives ſuffice to have lived to ourſelves, and to have ſerved our own corrupt wills. O put an end to all our preſumptuous and treacherous dealings with thy heavenly all-ſeeing Majeſty: and create in us new and clean, humble and contrite hearts, to tremble at thy word and preſence, and to hate and abandon all our fooliſh and ſinful miſdoings. Command thy bleſſing

and thy ſaving grace, to deſcend and reſt upon the ſouls here before thee. Cauſe us to know the joyful ſound of thy goſpel, not only by the hearing of the ear, but in the channel of heavenly experience. O take poſſeſſion of our hearts, and, by the power of thy ſpirit, draw up our affections to thy bleſſed ſelf. Grant us union and communion with thee; ſuch a ſight and ſenſe of ſin, and of our loſt eſtate by nature, as may render Chriſt and his righteouſneſs precious to us; and ſuch comfortable views of our juſtification through him, as may enlarge our hearts with joy, fill our lips with praiſe, and influence us to live unto him that died for us and roſe again.—Lord, guide and keep us; make us wiſe and faithful in our ſeveral duties, and bleſſed and proſperous in the event. Sanctify our reſpective conditions to us, and fit us for whatever thou ſhalt pleaſe to call us to.—And now, O Lord, we beſeech thee to accept our evening ſacrifice of praiſe and thankſgiving for the mercies of the day paſt, and for thy unwearied goodneſs which has followed us all the days of our lives. Go on to abound toward us in loving kindneſs and tender mercies; paſſing by our innumerable ſins, and ſupplying our every want. Take charge of us to night. Hide us in thy pavilion, and compaſs us about with ſongs of deliverance. Whether we ſleep or wake, keep us ſafe under thy wings, and may our hearts be occupied in thy ſtatutes. Bring us, at the appointed ſeaſon, to the heavenly city, where there is no darkneſs, but the glory of God doth lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And for all thy patience with us, thy care over us, and thy continual mercy to us, bleſſed be thy name, O Lord, Father, Son, and Spirit. *Amen.*

THURSDAY MORNING.

[*Collect, before reading the Scripture.*]

THOU, O God, art praiſed in Sion. Angels and archangels, ſaints below and ſaints above, the whole family of thy elect, both in heaven and earth, worſhip thee, the fountain of all bleſſedneſs, and the giver of all good. We, likewiſe, the chief, but not the leaſt favoured, of ſinners, deſire to join the company of thy redeemed, and to offer up our ſpiritual ſacrifices. Accept, great God, the mite we bring; pardon the iniquity that cleaves to our duties; meet us with a bleſſing; and receive us graciouſly, for the ſake of Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

[After reading, and ſinging, add]

Our Father, &c.

O thou, who haſt borne ſo long with us, and done ſo much for us; of whom alone cometh our ſalvation, and by whom we eſcape death! moved by the ſenſe of our own neceſſities, and encouraged by the daily experience of thy mercies, we deſire ſtill to ſhelter ourſelves under the ſhadow of thy wings, and to continue our ſupplications at the throne of thy grace: moſt humbly intreating thee, who faſhioneſt the hearts of the ſons of men, that thou wouldſt prepare our hearts to come into thy ſacred preſence, and to call upon thy bleſſed name. O pour down upon us the ſpirit of grace and of ſupplications; yea, let thy good ſpirit help our infirmities, and teach us how to pray. We, who are but poor worms, and ſinful duſt and aſhes, have taken upon us to ſpeak to thee, the Sovereign Majeſty of heaven and earth: we, who have too much cauſe to fear, leſt our great and manifold ſins might provoke thee to hide thy face from us, and to ſhut up thy loving

loving kindneſs in diſpleaſure againſt us. Lord, be merciful to us ſinners; for the ſake of him whom thou haſt exalted to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance unto his people, and forgiveneſs of ſins. Heal our ſouls, which have greatly ſinned againſt thee: heal our backſlidings, and love us freely: take away our ungodlineſs, and thou ſhalt find none. Renew us daily, unto repentance; eſtabliſh our hearts in thy faith and fear; and hold up our goings in thy paths, that our foot-ſteps ſlip not. Make us, in the ſtrength of grace, go on from conquering to conquer, all the enemies of our ſouls, and all the hinderances of our ſalvation, until thou haſt bruiſed Satan under our feet.

We bleſs thee for the mercies of the night. We laid us down to ſleep, and have riſen again, for thou haſt ſuſtained us, and made us to dwell in ſafety. May we ever experience the comfort of thy protection, and the help of thy ſalvation! may we find thee to be indeed a God of pardon, a God of ſanctification, and a God of preſervation!—Diſpoſe of us, we beſeech thee, and of all that concerns us, this day, to the glory of thy name. Keep us, at all times, in all places, and in all companies, from the evil of ſin, and from all other evils to which the greatneſs of our ſins make us liable. And take thou, O heavenly Father, the charge, guidance, and government of us; lead us by thy counſel, until thou haſt brought us to thy kingdom and glory; and, in the mean while, ſanctify to us all thy dealings with us, and ſeal us thine to the day of redemption; for the ſake of thy tender mercies, and the abundant merits of Jeſus Chriſt, our bleſſed Mediator and Redeemer.

The Lord bleſs us, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

[*Collect, before reading the Scripture.*]

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all deſires known, and from whom no ſecrets are hid; vouchſafe, at this time, to cleanſe the thoughts of our hearts, by the inſpiration of thy Holy Spirit; that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

[Reading, and ſinging, being ended, add]

Our Father, &c.

O Lord, the infinite, incomprehenſible God; thou haſt heaven for thy throne, and earth for thy foot-ſtool; and all things are in thy ſight, and at thy diſpoſal. Thou art the ſearcher of our hearts, and the overſeer of our lives, here and every where preſent. Thou compaſſeſt our path and our lying down, and art acquainted with all our ways. Lord, put our hearts into an holy frame, fit to attend upon thy glorious, all-ſeeing Majeſty. Work in us, by the power of thy grace, that change, which we cannot work in ourſelves: for, of ourſelves, we are equally vile and helpleſs. We were born ſinners, and ſinners we have lived and continued, and, by continually adding ſin to ſin, we have made ourſelves ſtill more the children of wrath, than we even were by nature. Juſtly mighteſt thou withdraw thy tender mercies from us, and pour out thy wrath and indignation upon us to the uttermoſt; making us to find and feel, by woeful experience, what an evil and bitter thing it is, to depart from thee the living God: but thy patience is wonderful, thy goodneſs is infinite, and, as is thy Majeſty, ſo is thy mercy. We therefore humbly beſeech thee to ſtretch forth the hand of thy power and grace, which alone is able to ſet us at liberty,

who are tied and bound with the chain of our ſins. Call us effectually, and we ſhall come unto thee; draw us, and we ſhall run after thee. Cauſe us to feel, to abhor, and to forſake our iniquities: and, O! give us a well-grounded apprehenſion, and a comfortable perſuaſion, of our being juſtified freely by thy grace through the redemption that is in Jeſus.—And, for his ſake, vouchſafe us the ſanctification of thy ſpirit, to transform us into thy image, by the renewing of our minds, and to enable us for all the duties of thy ſervice. Perfect, O Lord, that which concerneth us: and make us ſuch, both in our hearts and lives, that we may enjoy thy peace below, and be meet for the inheritance of thy heavenly glory above. Satisfy us with thy favour; and grant us the reviving ſenſe of thy gracious acceptance of us, and of thy merciful intentions toward us. Speak peace to our conſciences; ſay, to each of our ſouls, "I am thy ſalvation:" that we may rejoice in thee as our God, and reſt upon thee as our reconciled Father in Jeſus Chriſt. And as thou haſt been good and kind to us through the day paſt (for which, and for the mercies of all our days, we would thankfully admire thy love, and bleſs thy name); ſo we beg that we may experience the continuance of thy gracious goodneſs to us, and of thy fatherly care over us, this preſent night. Preſerve and defend, bleſs and keep us, that no evil may happen to us, nor any plague come nigh our dwelling. Do thou, who giveſt, unto thy beloved, ſleep, vouchſafe to favour us with ſuch needful repoſe, as may refreſh and ſtrengthen us for thy ſervice and our reſpective duties. Prepare us, great God, for the final ſleep of death, and for the account we muſt ſhortly give at the judgment ſeat of Chriſt. When our ſouls are required of us, and we are uncloathed of the body, grant that we may not be found ſpiritually naked: unſprinkled with the blood of thy Son,

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uncloathed with the robe of his juſtifying righteouſneſs, nor unadorned with the graces of thy ſanctifying ſpirit. O cauſe us, in this our day (the day of life, the only ſeaſon of preparation), to know, and to follow after, the things pertaining to our everlaſting peace, before they are hid from our eyes, and ere death makes us wiſe too late. Accompliſh the work of thy grace upon our hearts, and cauſe us to finiſh the work thou haſt given us to do: that whenever thou ſhalt be pleaſed to ſend for us away, we may have nothing to do, but to depart in peace, according to thy word, to fly at the ſignal—to quit the body, with chearfulneſs—and with faith, and, without dread, reſign our ſpirits into thy gracious hands; truſting in the riches of thy grace, and the ſaving merits of thy bleſſed Son. And, for all that he has ſo wonderfully effected to recover us, and to obtain eternal redemption for us; for whatever good thou haſt wrought in us, and for the hope of glory thou haſt given us: to thy name, O bleſſed God of our ſalvation, be the praiſe and honour, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FRIDAY MORNING.

(Collect, before reading the Scripture.)

BY thee, O Lord, alone, it is, that we laid us down in peace, and are riſen in ſafety. May the lives, which thy goodneſs renews every morning, and thy providence preſerves every moment, be devoted to thee; and, as a Father ſpareth his own Son that ſerveth him, ſo may the Lord, our God, continue to have mercy upon us, through Jeſus Chriſt, our bleſſed mediator and redeemer.

[Reading and ſinging ended, add]

O Lord,

O Lord, we deſire to adore thy name, which is excellent in all the earth, and whoſe glory is above the heavens. Thou art the maker and diſpoſer of all things: and for thy ſovereign pleaſure it is, that they ſtill exiſt, and were at firſt created. Thy hands have made and faſhioned us: and all that we enjoy comes from thee. As we are the workmanſhip of thy power, O make us likewiſe thy ſpiritual workmanſhip, created a new in Chriſt Jeſus, unto holineſs and true righteouſneſs. Give proof that thou haſt formed us for thyſelf, by cauſing us to ſhew forth thy praiſe; and by making us live to thy glory, as we do every day live upon thy bounty. But, Lord, we have not yielded thee that glory, which thou haſt made us capable of, and ſo many ways obliged us to. We are prone to forget thee, who art never unmindful of us; and to diſobey thee, whoſe goodneſs to us is unwearied. For theſe things, O Lord, for the ſinfulneſs of our nature and of our lives, we deſire to pour out our hearts, and to humble our guilty ſelves before thee: entreating thee, for the ſake of thy dear Son, and of thy mercies in him, to work in us true repentance, and to grant us full and free forgiveneſs. Strengthen us, O Lord, with might, by thy ſpirit, in the inner man, to make us watchful againſt, and victorious over, the corruptions of our hearts, the temptations of Satan, and the ſinful cares and allurements of the world. O deſtroy in us every root of bitterneſs, every plant which thy grace hath not planted; exterminate every vicious habit and rebellious motion, which exalts itſelf againſt the knowledge of God, and againſt the obedience of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. Increaſe and confirm in us, more and more, thy faith, and fear, and love. Let not one grace of thy Holy Spirit be wanting: let not one be weak: but grant us ſuch manifeſtations of thyſelf, and ſo conform us to the image of thy holineſs, that our lives may be comfortable to ourſelves, profitable to others, and bring glory to thy great

great name. May we ſtill be found in the way of duty, fearing God and working righteouſneſs; making it evident unto all, that we have indeed been with Jeſus; that we have learned of him; that we are influenced by his ſpirit; guided by his example; and are preſſing forward to his kingdom. Day by day would we magnify thee, O Lord, and worſhip thy name for ever, world without end; who crowneſt every day with thy tender mercies. We bleſs thee for the reſt, protection, and preſervation, of the laſt night. O cauſe us to hear of thy loving kindneſs in the morning, for in thee do we truſt: make us to know the way wherein we ſhould go, for we lift up our ſouls unto thee. Caſt us not away from thy preſence; take not thy Holy Spirit from us: but direct our hearts into thy love, and our feet into the way of thy teſtimonies. Whether we eat, or drink, or whatſoever we do, may we do all to the glory of God, and walk, as ſeeing him that is inviſible.—Command thy angels to encamp around us, and to bear us in their hands: and may their God and our's be the ſtrength of our hearts, the guide of our goings, and our portion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FRIDAY EVENING.

(Collect before reading the Scripture.)

BLESSED are they, O Lord, who dwell in thy houſe, and bleſſed is the houſe where thou dwelleſt: bleſſed is the man whoſe ſtrength is in thee, and in whoſe heart are thy ways. May that bleſſedneſs be our's, and may the Lord, whom we ſeek, viſit us with his preſence, and rejoice us with the tokens of his love, in and through his adorable Son, and our adorable Saviour, Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

[Reading and ſinging ended, add]

Our Father, &c.

O Lord,

O Lord, we deſire to ſeek thy face, and to wait upon thee in the duties of thy worſhip. To whom ſhould we make our applications, but unto thee, the father of mercies, and the fountain of all goodneſs, who art able to do exceeding abundantly for us, even above all that we are able to aſk or think: O let our prayer be ſet forth in thy ſight as incenſe; and may the lifting up of our hands and hearts be a ſpiritual evening ſacrifice, acceptable to thee, in the ſon of thy love. It is in his bleſſed name alone, that we dare to requeſt of thee all that thou knoweſt to be needful and expedient for us: ſeeing that there is in us no good thing to recommend us to thy favour and acceptance; but, on the contrary, a proneneſs and inclination to what is diſpleaſing unto thee, and deſtructive to our ſouls. For, beſides that we are, by nature, children of wrath, and a ſeed of evil doers; we have been daily adding to the heavy ſcore of our offences againſt thee. There is nothing in us, O Lord, but what may provoke thee to reject us; for all our very righteouſneſs themſelves are filthy rags: but there is enough, in thy beloved Son, of all grace and goodneſs, to make thee well-pleaſed with us for his ſake. He, who knew no ſin, bore our ſins, and was made a ſin offering, the juſt for the unjuſt, that he might bring us near unto thee. For his ſake, blot out our manifold tranſgreſſions, apply the benefits of thy ſalvation to our conſciences, that we may be enabled to walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance: haſten thy coming and kingdom, that we, with all thy redeemed, may join in aſcribing ſongs of praiſe to a triune God, for ever and ever. To the care and protection of thy almighty providence would we humbly commend ourſelves this night. Take charge of us and our's, O thou Keeper of Iſrael, who never ſlumbereth nor ſleepeth, watch over us for good. When we ſleep, let our hearts wake; and our ſouls lie open to the influence of thy

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bleſſed ſpirit, keep us without ſin by the power of thy grace: gracious Lord, ſhower down thy bleſſings upon us, the unworthy family now before thee: let the voice of joy and health be heard in this dwelling: let thy peace be within theſe walls, and the plenteouſneſs of thy ſalvation within thoſe gates; make this an houſe of prayer, and every ſoul within it a living temple of thee, the living God, through Jeſus Chriſt, our only mediator and advocate. *Amen.*

SATURDAY MORNING.

(Collect before reading the Scripture.)

BLESSED Lord, who haſt cauſed all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may in ſuch wiſe hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digeſt them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace, and ever hold faſt the bleſſed hope of everlaſting life, which thou haſt given us in our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt.

(Reading and ſinging ended, add)

Our Father, &c.

Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks: yea unto thee will we give thanks, becauſe thy name alſo is ſo nigh, and that do thy wonderous works declare. We beſeech thee, gracious God, to hear us mercifully at this time, pardon our manifold ſinfulneſs, and ſupply our manifold wants. Write the law of thankfulneſs upon our hearts for the experience we have already had of thy goodneſs, and kindly go on to be nigh unto us, in all that we call upon thee for. Waſh away the ſins of the laſt night, and thoſe of this day hitherto, who can tell how oft we offend, none but thou that knoweſt all things. O cleanſe thou

thou us from our ſecret faults, and from our original depravity, the ſource of all; may we be juſtified fully, freely, and finally, by thy grace, through the redemption, that is in Jeſus, and ſanctified by the renewing efficacy of thy bleſſed ſpirit. Bleſs us in this our private waiting upon thee, we are gathered together, in thy name, at the footſtool of thy grace; Lord Jeſus, be in the midſt of us, and give unto us a comfortable view of our intereſt in thy precious merits. Thy righteouſneſs, bloodſhedding, and interceſſion, are the altar which ſanctifies every ſacrifice of prayer and praiſe which we offer up. Thou makeſt both the perſons and the performances of thy people acceptable to the Father, mingle our addreſſes with the incenſe of thy interceſſion, and then they will go up as a memorial before God. O thou riſen and aſcended Saviour, may our hearts and affections tend upwards, to thy throne in heaven, that by faith in thy adorable perſon and infinite merits, and by the exerciſe of continual obedience and deadneſs to the world, we may ſafely hope to be with thee, where thou art, there to behold thy glory. O thou uncreated majeſty, we acknowledge that all the bleſſings of a ſpiritual and temporal caſt, that we have received, from our exiſtence to this day, are of thy free and unmerited goodneſs; was the diſtributions of thy favours, to be regulated by our deſervings, they would ſoon be withdrawn. Therefore, not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name be the praiſe and the glory aſcribed. Hear us, O God of our ſalvation, and do more for us than we are able to aſk or think, for the ſake of thy Son, our Redeemer; to whom, with thee, and the Holy Ghoſt, three co-equal perſons, in the unity of one Godhead, be aſcribed all glory and adoration, by the Church above and the Church below, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

SATURDAY

SATURDAY EVENING.

(The Collect before reading the Scriptures.)

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear, than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy: forgiving us those things, whereof our consciences are afraid; and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, much less to receive, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whom we desire to be found, and in his name, do we now approach the throne of thy grace, and make mention of his righteousness, only as the ground of our justification in the sight of our heavenly Father: to whom with the blessed Spirit, be ascribed all honour and dominion, world without end. *Amen.*

(After reading and singing, add)

Our Father, &c.

Wherewith shall we come before thee, O Lord: or bow ourselves in thy presence, O thou most high God. Cause us to come unto thee in faith: mentioning no other name, pleading no other righteousness, and trusting in no other atonement, than the name, righteousness and atonement of thy blessed Son, and our adorable mediator Jesus Christ. In him we desire to be found; through him we hope for favour with thee, and acceptance in thy sight. Blessed be thy goodness for the mercies of the day, for the blessings of thy providence, the comforts of thy spirit, and the privileges we enjoy.—— We thank thee, that we have been protected from danger, and above all, if we have been, in any measure, withheld by grace from sinning against thee.

Sinners

Sinners we are, and sinned against thee we have, even at the best of times, and in the best of frames; but, Lord, make us thankful for the desire which thou hast given us, of living unto thee; and oh! make our desires effectual through the mighty working of thy Spirit, who is able to subdue even our rebellious hearts to himself: Lord, wash out the transgressions of this day, and of this week now nearly closing. Look upon the covenant of thy grace; and through the blood of the covenant, forgive us all our sins, and cancel the hand-writing that is against us, and nail it to the cross. Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us and we shall be whiter than snow. Shouldest thou lay judgment to the line, and righteousness to the plummet, shouldest thou deal with us after our sins, or reward us according to our deserts, or if thou wast to enter into judgment with us, upon the footing of our best performances, alas! we could not stand in thy presence, nor be justified in thy sight. Our prayers, our praises, our alms-deeds, and all we are and do, if weighed in the balance of the sanctuary, and brought to the test of thy perfect law, would be found not only deplorably deficient, but altogether lighter than vanity itself—yet, though we are vile, thou art gracious. We bless thee for that rich provision of grace and glory, which thou hast made for thy penitent people, in the righteousness, sacrifice, and intercession of him who is their advocate with the Father, and the propitiation for their sins. Thou hast delivered thy redeemed from going down into the pit, by contriving, finding, and accepting a ransom for them. O certify us, by thy blessed spirit, and by the tokens of grace, that we are of the happy number: that we are loved by thee with an everlasting love, interested in the sure mercies of David. Continue thy goodness towards us to-night; may we, as the beloved of the Lord, dwell in safety by him. Make us rest under thy defence, O thou Most High,

and abide under the shadow of the Almighty, Thy mercies to us have been equally great, numerous, and unmerited; may we ever experience thee to be a God of love. Perfect, O Lord, that which concerneth us, and forsake not the work of thine own hands. Bless us with thy presence, thy grace, and thy protection. Suffer not the enemy to have any advantage over us; neither let the son of wickedness approach to hurt us.

Be with all thine every where. Visit them, in particular, with thy salvation, whom we desire to bear upon our hearts before thee. May those, who are near and dear to us, be near and dear to God: and, whatever separation thy good providence may make upon earth, O grant that we and they may meet with joy at thy right hand in the hour of death and in the day of judgment.——Bless the sinful nations, of which we are a sinful part. Maintain the cause of thy truth, and enlarge the kingdom of thy Son, amongst us. Remember for good thy faithful people of every denomination; more especially regard with thy choicest favour, and defend with thy mighty power, the Church to which we belong; the gospel vine which thy own right hand hath planted; and which, by thy gracious providence, hath taken root and filled the land. May she extend her boughs from sea to sea, until they have filled the whole earth! may we abide by her doctrines, and and walk worthy of the holy vocation with which we are called.—Bless thy servant the king: the queen: and every branch of his illustrious house. May the crown sit easy, and sit very long, upon his royal head. Direct his counsels to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy Church, and the safety, honour and welfare of himself and his dominions.—May all orders and degrees of men, from the highest to the lowest, be fearers of God, lovers of truth, and workers of righteousness, strengthen and relieve those who labour under any affliction in mind, body, or estate; and make all work together for their good.—

good.—Preſerved by thy gracious mercy we are coming near to the end of another week, many of our fellow creatures ſince the commencement thereof, have left this ſcene, and have entered upon an eternal ſtate. O God moſt holy, O God moſt mighty, grant that, before our eyes cloſe in death, we may be enabled to embrace the Lord's Chriſt in the arms of our faith, and under the ſhinings of thy countenance, and in the unclouded proſpect of thy celeſtial abode, ſaying, Now, Lord, letteſt thou thy ſervant depart in peace, for mine eyes have ſeen thy ſalvation; carry us holy, peaceably, and ſafely, through the enſuing Sabbath. Lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, and may our comforts be neither few nor ſmall. In all the duties that are before us, may we look to the ſpirit of grace, for willingneſs and power to ſerve thee faithfully, and may our entire dependence be upon the merits of Jeſus Chriſt the righteous, to render our defective, polluted ſervices, ſuch as thou wilt mercifully accept in him. Be thou on to-morrow preſent in the worſhiping aſſemblies of thy ſaints; meet them that deſire to meet with thee, and viſit them with thy ſalvation, who mean to viſit and wait on thee in the ordinances of thy appointment; may ſuch as ſeek thee be joyful and glad in thee; and may they find by happy experience, that one day in thy courts is better than a thouſand elſewhere, and that thy houſe is indeed the houſe of God, and the gate of heaven. Be with all thy faithful ſtewards of thy myſteries in every place, who ſhall adminiſter in thy name. Enable them rightly to divide the word of truth, giving both to ſaints and ſinners their portion. Pardon the unworthineſs of miniſters and people, and vouchſafe to own thy glorious goſpel, by making it effectual to the ſalvation of them that hear; every ſpiritual and temporal mercy, we requeſt, for the alone ſake of Jeſus Chriſt the righteous. *Amen.*

FINIS.

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